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Troposal.

PHYLLIS, if I could I'd paint you As I see you sitting there,
You distracting little saint, you,
With your aureole of hair.
If I only were an artist,
And such glances could be caught,
You should have the very smartest
Picture frame that can be bought!

'Phyllis, since I çan't depict your Charms, or give you aught but fame, Will you be yourself the picture? Will you let me be the frame? Whose protecting clasp may bind you Always—

"Nay, cried Phyllis; "hold, Or you'll force me to remind you Pictures must be framed with gold!" O. II.



A ROUGH ESTIMATE.

F the Fifth Avenue stages lose money, where does the money go? They are always crowded; generally jammed to their utmost capacity. They certainly do a good business and their expenses are microscopic. The omnibus itself is probably worth about eight dollars, and the company's horses must cost them nearly twelve dollars a pair. They wouldn't fetch that at an auction, but an auction is not a fair test. The deafening rattle of the crumbling window sashes is no expense to the extravagant stockholders. As nearly as we can figure it every omnibus must pay for its own cost about twice a day and leave a handsome profit besides.

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TIME'S CHANGES.

Husband: Didn't I tell you, old woman, I had a surprise for you?

Wife and Mother: Yes; But I wouldn't ha' reckernised Jim. He has such a reffined air about him, an' his mustaches makes such a difference!



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"While there's Life there's Hope."

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THE decisions of the Court of Appeals in the election cases were of great and particular value as illustrating the ability of the court to rise above partisanship, and weigh questions of law without perceptible regard to the political consequences that may follow. In the decisions handed down, Republican judges record convictions unfavorable to the interests of their own party, and Democratic judges dissent from opinions that help their own side. There is no partisan line to be drawn in

the matter at all. The people of the State have reason to congratulate themselves that they have a tribunal where 8-to-7ism has no hold, and to which election disputes may safely be referred.

I T seems to be about time for Col. Thomas C. Platt to go and get his political remains out of the last ditch and have them decently straighted out in an ice-box. Col. Platt may not feel that he has done with politics yet, but it looks very particularly just now as if politics had finished with Col. Platt. Such melancholy comfort as he can get from contemplating the wickedness of the conspiracy by which Hill and the Democrats stole the state, no merciful person should seek to interrupt. Of course, with the Court of Appeals feeling as it does, it is awkward to make any vociferous complaint, and that makes the trial all the harder to bear.

HE enthusiasm with which the remission of the sentence of Commander McCalla has been received has been of the sort that finds its most adequate expression in addled eggs. The Commander's fault is one which would have been thought no

very serious blemish a century or two ago, but contemporary opinion has little patience with brutality. We may not be as tough as our great-granddaddies were, but, take us in bulk, we are gentler. It seems that McCalla had a "pull," and a "pull "covers a multitude of sins. The officer of the Army or Navy who has not got a "pull" in these days, should bestir himself at once to get one. There is a good deal of fun in the service for the men who have "pulls," and abundance of monotony and discomfort for those who haven't.



N OBODY but a reformer and a son of a reformer would expect sense of Sophomores. Mr. William Lloyd Garrison, son of the eminent abolitionist, has been making the wilds of New England resound with his complaints of the D. K. E. Society of Harvard College, because of certain holes burned in the arm of one of his sons. Mr. Garrison avers that the Harvard D. K. E. brands its neophytes, and that it does its branding with cigars; and he insists that that is not a fit use for cigars to be put to. In sup-

port of his opinion he adduces the circumstances that his son's sore arm developed into a case of blood poisoning. So Mr. Garrison has written to Dr. Eliot, desiring him to constrain his young men to wiser conduct, and Dr. Eliot has replied that nothing on earth can make young men behave sensibly unless they see fit.

DR. ELIOT has had experience and doubtless speaks according to it. He says that nothing but public opinion can really regulate his young men's behavior. Here's some for them, then. One great trouble with Harvard's D. K. E. for some years past has been that its

affairs have been kept about as private as those of the Union Club, of this town. Its customs have been published up and down the streets of Cambridge, Boston, and all the contiguous districts. Its powers and privileges have been perverted to various misuse, including amusement of the young ladies of the district known as the Back Bay. Gonuses have abused the brief authority with which it has clothed them, and some disagreeable results have followed. But when is a man to make an ass of himself, if not while he is a Sophomore, in college? Let us not expect too much of Sophomores. Fold your ears a little, Harvard D. K. E.'s, and have your branding done by a lighter hand. That's all.

N EW YORK'S sensational newspapers, having exhausted the field of fake sensationalism, have at last struck a real sensation. They have discovered that New York has a number of dives that ought to be suppressed! Who knows but that some day a New York newspaper may find out that New York's police system is rotten, and that its Excise Board came from Gerolstein?



[&]quot;Well, I would have been engaged now if it were not for my chaperon." Did she interfere?"

[&]quot;YES; SHE BECAME ENGAGED TO HIM HERSELF."

BOOKISHNEESUS

SOME REMARKS ON COLD-BLOODED VILLAINS.

THE trouble with fiction is that it exalts emotion as a feature of strong character. Great writers and small make you bow the knee before the man or woman who meets a crisis with a noble emotion—not just enough emotion to lead to the right action at the right moment, but what they have stereotyped into "a very flood of emotion." Somehow as a result of this idea saturating books, traditions, and school instruction, men and women begin to gauge their own characters by their capacities to "feel deeply" on certain occasions—as though there were any particular moral worth in increased heart action and a rush of blood to the head. A glass of old port, or a sufficient number of strong cigars, or a hundred yards' dash will produce the same results. You may experience through them the very similar sense of satisfaction with yourself that is produced by helping a friend out of a scrape or saving the life of your brother—that is if you are built on the emotional plan which has been approved so long as an index of character.

But everybody isn't of that kind. There is a sprinkling of fine robust men and women who go along doing their work, and taking pleasure and duty with equanimity, and accomplishing considerable good without any particular emotional excitement on their part. These are the people who are always characterized as "cold," "unsympathetic," or "self-seeking." They never get any credit for a good action because the world believes they did it for "reasons"—presumably selfish. You never hear them spoken of with enthusiasm as men and women of "character"—that term is reserved for the flashing eye, the sympathetic voice, and the good deed that is done dramatically. There is no insinuation of hypocrisy against this type of man. He is, we believe, sincere, lovable, and a force that makes for happiness. But he has been exalted too long, we venture, at the expense of his brother whose respiration is not so easily affected by what he sees or hears.

The expression "cold-blooded villain" has become a truism, and there are many estimable men of equable temper who occasionally think that, as all the world believes it, they must have in themselves the capacity for unlimited villainy. They say to themselves, "If all good and great men experience such emotion, as described in the best literature, on the loss of father, mother, fortune, sweetheart—then we must be wofully lacking in the best qualities of human nature." They don't worry over it—for that is a distinguishing trait of theirs, not to "worry" themselves or anybody else. They get their reward by missing many of the accidents of life, by escaping the importunities of professional philanthropists, by not being expected to do much for their friends and relatives, and by living serenely in the midst of turmoil, and dying at the right time—for the vital machinery of such men is apt to run strong and efficiently to the last, and stop suddenly.

NOTES.—It is curious to recall the amount of very good-work that has been accomplished by George Mac Donald without his gaining a distinct or permanent position as a novelist. Yet you may remember after fifteen or twenty years the impression made upon you by "David Elginbrod" or "Robert Falconer." You have a vivid recollection of a weird fancy, an intense style, and strength in drawing eccentric characters. When you take up the story of his old age, "The Flight of the Shadow" (Appleton), you are conscious of hearing an echo of the old voice. It is a pleasing echo, a creditable piece of fiction-writing, with an original setting for the very old plot of the mixed identity of two brothers who look exactly alike.

"Ciphers" (Houghton), by Ellen Olney Kirk, belongs to those stories of New York "Society" which have no foundations in the real life of the city, or the most artificial life of the city. The ideas of character and life which prevail in it might even fail of recognition in a theatrical boarding-house, where most of the boarders were actors of melodrama.



PLUSH ERMINE.

Prisoner: If your Honor please, the officer who arrested me is unworthy of belief. He actually offered to carry a bribe from me to your Honor, but I refused—

Justice O'Rourke: Foine that mon twenty dollars.

Prisoner (amazed): FOR WHAT?

Justice O'Rourke: FOR CONTIMPT O' COURT, SORR.

Those who have long delighted in the delicate humor, the gentle pathos, and the exquisite art of Mrs. Gaskell's "Cranford," will find great pleasure in the new Macmillan edition, with Hugh Thomson's very clever drawings, which reproduce the quaint characters and costumes of the old days.

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NEW BOOKS.

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Poems. By Emily Dickinson. Edited by T. W. Higginson and Mabel Loomis Todd. Boston: Roberts Brothers.

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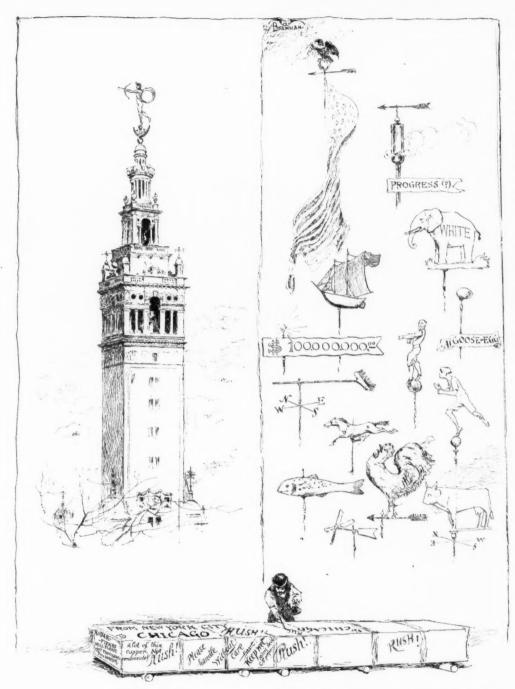
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THE STATUE.

L IFE knows a good thing when he sees it, and he sees the Madison Square tower almost every day. The whole building is a gem; an ornament to the city, and a

glory to the architect. LIFE is grateful to Mr. Stanford White for creating in this city of architectural horrors a monument of such beauty and value.

Your eye runs gleefully up the graceful tower until it

reaches the statue, and then you heave a sigh and try to sympathize with the proportions. If Diana were the principal stockholder, and had made herself as big as the other owners would allow, the error would be explained.

Why not box her up and ship her to the World's Fair? She is a good girl, and would make a fine show there, but here she is on the wrong pedestal.

There are lots of inexpensive, commonplace, little, every-day finials that would do so much better. Some of the bad ones in our picture, if of the right proportion, would be infinitely better than the gigantic lady who seems to be testing the airy pedestal to its utmost endurance.

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THE MAIDEN'S CHOICE.

"I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT I AM A BACHELOR FROM CHOICE."

"So I SUPPOSED; BUT whose CHOICE?"

There was much noise and shouting and Columbus must have had a bad voyage.

However, the first part of the concert made up for the tedium of the last, especially the brilliant rendering of Lizst's Rhapsodie Hongroise No. 1, by the orchestra.

A SHORTHAND REPORT.

HELEN: What did papa say when you told him we wanted to get married.

FRED: I wouldn't like to tell you; but if the recording angel took down the remarks verbatim he must be an expert stenographer.



OUTSIDE THE SHOW.

Ticket Seller (in high humor): Now then, hayseed, what do you want?

MUSICAL NOTES.

WHAT are we to do about the opera? According to the infallible critics of the daily press, we must put up this season with "pretty voicing" and "nice phrasing" and minor details such as dramatic action, etc., are sacrificed to perfect vocalization. The ignorant public might have supposed, when listening to last Monday's performance of Lohengrin, that they were getting good acting, with beautiful singing, if some of the critics had not informed them to the contrary. We have not had "nice phrasing and pretty voicing" since the Italians were here before, and it is a rare pleasure to listen to the beautiful vocalization of Miss Eames and the De Reszkes.

During the German occupation of operatic territory we had, it is true, good, earnest acting, but also much shouting and bellowing.

THE ORATORIO SOCIETY, of New York, under the leadership of Mr. Damrosch, gave an excellent performance of the Messiah on the evenings of December 30 and 31. The chorus sang with admirable precision, great spirit and appreciation of the beauty of the work. Some of the soloists have been heard to greater advantage, but on the whole were satisfactory.

THE Sunday concert of the Symphony Orchestra on the third, would have had more interest had it not been for a long cantata at the end, wherein Columbus sailed the ocean blue and discovered America. The Leiderkranz Society sang presumably the part of sailors, with a spirit worthy a better cause; but why Columbus's Spaniards should have burst forth into Yankee Doodle, except in the spirit of prophecy, will remain a mystery.



INSIDE THE SHOW.

Suburban Visitor (letting his two boys out of bag): I may be a hayseed, but I reckon the smart chap in that coop will have some differently in Gittin' rid o' that fifty cent piece I passed onto him!

THE LARK AND THE OWL.

THE blithesome lark, on morning wing, Rises to greet the light;
The owl, though, does the proper thing

In sitting up at night.

Wearied with early-rising cares, The lark rests with the sun;

The owl, the joys of darkness shares— His lark has just begun.

Let bird that's up at day-break, kite And carol as it may;

The bird that's bumming round at night,
Is wisest, all men say.

J. H. Stedman.

"HY didn't you go to the club banquet?"
"My wife wouldn't let me. Why didn't you?"
"I didn't want to. That's the difference between us."

"Yes, it is—... My wife controls my actions, and it must be humiliating to have even your desires controlled by another."

LIFE'S LESSONS IN HISTORY.



JAN. 12, 1879. ZULU WAR BEGUN.



JAN. 14, 1884. COMET SEEN IN SOUTH WALES.

LIFE'S FAIRY TALES.



OTZOFUN'S father was one of the most influential beetles in the vast garden where he resided. The son, also, could have been prosperous and respected if he had only behaved himself; but he was too fond of pleasure. When the beautiful Scarabella became his bride they had every prospect of a long and happy life. Scarabella's father gave them a capacious flower-pot, in the greenhouse, for a winter residence, and in summer they occupied a pond lily on the neighboring lake. But they had been married a very short time when Lotzofun took to flying about after dark and being very attentive to the belles of the neighborhood. There was scarcely an attractive damsel of the beetle tribe for acres about to whom the festive Lotzofun had not whispered words of love. Night after night he would sit in the light of the moon with an antennæ about the waist of a beetle belle, ignoring his marriage vows and without a thought for the gentle Scarabella, who sat waiting for him at home.



JAN. 17, 1873. MODOC INDIANS DEFEAT U. S. TROOPS.

M R. GLOBE-TROTTE: I made a flying trip through Ireland while

through Ireland while I was abroad, Patrick, and it seemed to me that the people looked contented enough.

PATRICK: It's seldom they luk thot way, sor. You must 'av' been there whin th' foighting wor goin' on.

JUDGE: Have you anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?

PRISONER(haughti-ly): If I have anything to say, I'll say it in my autobiography.

At other times, and at hours when order-loving bugs were sound asleep, he would join a gang of drunken revellers and make night hideous with his pranks. All this was very hard for Scarabella. She pleaded with him and beseeched him to mend his ways, but in vain. He became sullen and irritable when at home, and his beetle brows would darken at any suggestion of reform and early hours.

One night, after sitting up for him until long after twelve o'clock, she went forth, as she had often done before, in the wild hope that she might find him and lead him home. A long time she wandered, and in vain, for the night was dark, the world was wide, and Lotzofun was wilv. Weary and sad, she at last crawled under a strawberry leaf to rest her wings and have a gentle cry. The gentle cry had a soothing effect, for she soon fell asleep. Her nap was short, for a very few moments had passed before she was awakened by the sound of voices coming from the upper side of the leaf ahove her head. From the words that reached her ear, it was very evident that two lovers were there, and very close together. Poor Scarabella recalled the happy hours that she and her once faithful adorer had spooned away in similar fashion. But it seemed unfair to be overhearing such a conversation, and she had just resolved to steal silently away, when the lover above raised his voice in an unusually passionate declaration of love, and it sent a cold shiver up and down her little spine. She listened again, and then was sure. Darting out from beneath the leaf she turned about and faced them. In the dim light they seemed like one being, so close were they together. But there he was, the faithless Lotzofun!

It was a lively and painful scene that followed. The lady on the leaf was shocked to find her lover already married. Lotzofun was naturally embarrassed.

pression whatever. After a few emphatic remarks, all short and directly to the point, she turned her back and flew quickly away. She did not go home, but made straight for the spacious crack under the Corinthian porch, where her father resided, and gave him all the facts.

The next morning there was a meeting of leading



SHE TELLS ALL TO HER FATHER

beetles, at which it was almost unanimously resolved that Lotzofun should be formally drowned. long been looked upon as a danger to the morals of the community, and every father of a winsome daughter voted promptly for his death. At this dreadful sentence, however, Scarabella softened and begged piteously for his life. She entreated so earnestly and her grief was so heartrending that this wish was finally granted but they caused his wings to be treated by a neighboring wizard in such a manner that whenever he flew about after dark he shed a brilliant light. This was a happy idea, as it warned everybody of his approach and at the same time enabled Scarabella to hunt him up with less difficulty. He reformed after this and they lived happily together, and had innumerable children, all of whom inherited the illuminating qualities of their father.

So when you see them darting about of a summer's night, you will easily recognize them as the descendants of I. A. Mitchell. Lotzofun.



As for Scarabella, she had suddenly developed into a different creature. All gentleness and forbearance seemed to have gone forever. The explanations and promises of Lotzofun were naturally of little value and produced no im-



AT A CHICAGO "AFTERNOON" GIVEN FOR SIR EDWIN ARNOLD.

OSTESS (fat, fair, and ---?): Ah, Sir Edwin, well do I remember, when a little child, seated on my dear mother's knee, listening as she read the "Light of Asia." Its wondrous beauty made its impress on my childish mind and has never been effaced.

SIR EDWIN (visibly astonished): Madame, you surprise me. I had no idea women matured so rapidly in the West.



THE SAME RESULT.

THIS youth you think tipsy, perhaps, But I'll swear that his state of collapse

Is due to a tea Where from half after three

Until five he was the only man in the room and had to discuss Browning and Ibsen with twenty-three ladies of assorted ages.—
Harvard Lampoon.

A STORY comes from Kansas, where the Farmers' Alliance and its platform of principles are the chief topics of conversation. A man of rather questionable character died in a remote part of Waterloo township. The nearest preacher was summoned to preach a funeral sermon. Not knowing the man, the preacher contented himself with a few general remarks on the solemn nature of the occasion, and then said he would be glad to have any of the company present say a word about the dead man if they desired. No one powed or scokes and acris the dead man, if they desired. No one moved or spoke, and again the

preacher extended an invitation to the company to offer remarks, but again his invitation met with silence. Finally an old farmer, who sat in the corner of the front room, rose and said: "If no one has any remarks to make about the deceased, I would like to make a few remarks about the alliance's sub-treasury plan."—Argonaut.

ONE day, a distinguished notary, while breakfasting with a friend at a café in Paris, indulged in some stinging comments on the public acts of Marshal Marmont. Suddenly another gentleman, dining at a neighboring table, rose and approached them, his mustache bristling

"Sir," cried he tragically, "you shall give me satisfaction!"
"Are you Marshal Marmont?" quietly asked the notary,
"I have not that honor," was the reply; "but I am his chief aide-

" Give me your card, then, sir," said the notary; I will send you my head clerk."—Argonaut.

OFFICE BOY (to Employer): I've got a complaint to make, sir. EMPLOYER: Well, what is it?

OFFICE BOY: The cashier kicked me, sir. I don't want no cashier to kick me.

EMPLOYER: Of course he kicked you You don't expect me to attend to everything, do you? I can't look after all the little details of the business myself.—*The Koran*.

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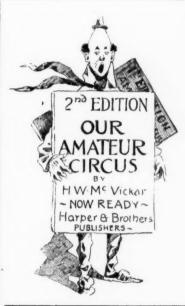
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demand. At ias a bright and he said, joyfully:

"Yes, I will send Beecham a box of his own pills—he says himself they are worth a guinea a box—and seven shillings in each."

says himself they are worth a guinea a dox—and seven shillings in cash."

This he did. In the course of a few days great was the surprise of Mr. S.—to find that Beecham had forwarded the receipt attached to which were the words, "Cash only in future. Thomas Beecham."

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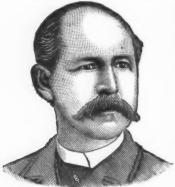
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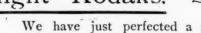
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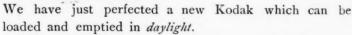
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